

Application No. 10/674,920
Amendment dated December 1, 2005
Reply to Office Action of October 7, 2005

Remarks

Applicant reaffirms the election of Group I, claims 1-20, without traverse. The non-elected claims are being canceled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-14 and 17-20 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0051437, but has deemed claims 4, 15-16 allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been so rewritten. Therefore, it is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such extension is due or any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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